

Caroline Haslett Primary School – RE

**Topic: Unit 2 - Sacred text;
Prophecy; Revelation;
Incarnation**

Year 5

**Does God communicate
with man?**

Knowledge

In the Bible God is shown to communicate with man in a variety of ways: dreams, visions, angels and on occasion directly face to face.

The books of the Old Testament from Isaiah through to Malachi are books of prophecy.

In the Christmas narrative: Angel Gabriel announces the birth to Mary, God speaks to Joseph in a dream, angels appear to the shepherds, the Magi are warned in a dream to avoid Herod.

The Holy Spirit is considered by many Christians to be another way in which God communicates with humans, as they are inspired.

Prophets exist in many religions - Islam, Hinduism, Sikhism and Christianity

Vocabulary

- **Christianity** – religion focussed on the life and teachings of Jesus Christ.
- **Islam** – religion that means submission to the will of Allah
- **Muhammad** – believed by Muslims to be the last prophet sent by Allah (Muhammad is so respected that it is usual for Muslims to say 'peace be upon him' whenever they mention his name)
- **Muslim** – followers of Islam
- **Prophecy** – a message that is claimed by a prophet to have been communicated to them by God
- **Prophet** – a person who speaks on behalf of God
- **Revelation** – God revealing something to people

Activities

- Tell the story of how Muhammad (PBUH) was visited by the Angel Jibril (Gabriel), who dictated the Qur'an to him.
- Read stories from Jacob, Moses, Jonah, Daniel. What is a prophet? What message was God giving Man in each story?
- Read the prophecies about Jesus from the Old Testament. (Micah 2, Isaiah 6) Would people have listened to these messages? What do the prophecies contribute to the Christmas story?
- Sing some Christmas Carols about the Christmas story. Who did God communicate with? How?



Skills

- Link a biblical prophecy from the Old Testament with the Christmas story
- List some similarities between the way God communicated with Guru Nanak and Christian prophets
- Investigate the links between the prophecies about Jesus and the events of his life, including the Christmas story
- Describe the impact of prophecy on the understanding of the Christmas story